



# Biltmore Estate®

HOUSE + GARDENS + WINERY  
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA



# A HOME FOR

## BILTMORE HOUSE

George Vanderbilt dreamed of building a grand estate in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Asheville,



North Carolina. By 1895 his country home was complete, rivaling his illustrious family's New York and Newport mansions. Indeed, it was unlike any house built in America.

The dream began in 1887 when Vanderbilt visited Asheville and was enchanted by the

surrounding mountains. Choosing the area for his country estate, he commissioned America's leading architect of the era—Richard Morris Hunt—to create a mansion modeled after the châteaux in France's Loire Valley.

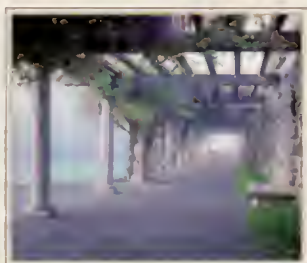
Hundreds of stonecutters and artisans spent six years building the 250-room house, today the largest private home in America and situated on 8,000 acres. Vanderbilt filled Biltmore House with treasures collected from his travels, including works by Renoir, Whistler, and Sargent; exquisite antiques; Oriental rugs; and Minton china.



Visitors stayed in 32 guest rooms and amused themselves in the house's vast spaces, including the indoor Gymnasium, Bowling Alley, and

# THE AGES . . .

Swimming Pool. Central heating, refrigeration, electric lights, and hot water on demand—technological marvels in the 1890s—aided in their comfort. A staff of servants met their needs, ensuring comfort and hospitality for all the Vanderbilts' guests.



Today's visitors enjoy the house virtually as it was in George Vanderbilt's day, because its architecture, art, and furnishings have been carefully preserved by his descendants.

## GARDENS

Frederick Law Olmsted, designer of New York's Central Park, created the stunning backdrop for Vanderbilt's château. The 250 acres of landscaped gardens, grounds, and park are as spectacular as the house itself.

From manicured grounds framing the house, to the glass Conservatory, to encircling forests and fields, the estate's landscaping was shaped by Olmsted's judicious hand. His naturalistic vision nurtures the continuing preservation and care of the gardens.





Guests today, much like Vanderbilt's guests, marvel at the house's beauty and substance. With a 390-foot façade, Biltmore House contains more than 11 million bricks, 250 rooms, 65 fireplaces, 43 bathrooms, and 3 kitchens, in four acres of floor space.

Many activities enjoyed in the late 1800s are just as popular today. Revel in splendid mountain views or walk woodland paths. Take to the trails with our guided horseback and mountain bike rides. The Conservatory welcomes indoor gardening enthusiasts. A vast art collection—approximately 23,000 books, hundreds of priceless paintings, and furniture from 13 countries—inspires and fuels the imagination.

Entertaining diversions celebrate the seasons of Biltmore Estate. Welcome winter's serene beauty, highlighted by grand architecture and art. Treat your senses to spring's dazzling *Festival of Flowers*. Prepare to be awed—by the outdoor venue and superb performers—during *Summer Evenings Concerts*. Discover dramatic colors painted by nature and enhanced by century-old gardens with *Michaelmas: An English Harvest Fair*. Embrace holiday hospitality on a grand scale with Biltmore's Christmas celebration.

Select a memento of your visit in our charming shops. Linger over meals freshly harvested from estate gardens, accompanied with fine wine crafted in Biltmore's own Winery. Escape the ordinary—discover the extraordinary wonders of Biltmore Estate.



## 2000-2001 EVENTS



### *Summer Evenings Concerts*

August 4, 5, 12, 19, 26, and September 2, 2000  
Reservations required, 800-289-1895

### *Wonderful Winery Jazz Weekend*

September 2-3, 2000

### *Michaelmas: An English Harvest Fair*

Saturdays and Sundays, September 30-October 29, 2000

### *Winery's Jazz Harvest Weekends*

Saturdays and Sundays, September 30-October 29, 2000

### *Christmas at Biltmore Estate*

November 7, 2000-January 2, 2001

### *Candlelight Christmas Evenings*

November 7, 2000-January 1, 2001

Reservations required, 800-289-1895 beginning September 5, 2000

### *Festival of Flowers*

March 31-April 29, 2001

### *Biltmore Estate Easter Egg Hunt*

April 14, 2001

### *Winery's Alfresco Jazz Weekend*

May 26-27, 2001

### *Roaring 20s at Biltmore Estate*

June 2-June 24, 2001

### *Summer Culinary Weekends*

June 16-17, July 21-22, August 18-19, 2001

### *Winery's Red, White & Blues*

July 6-8, 2001

*Evening events are by reservation only.*

*Events and dates are subject to change.*

*Please call 800-543-2961 for details on Biltmore Estate's events.*

## RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS



### ESTATE RESTAURANTS:

*Bistro, Deerpark Restaurant, Stable Café,  
Bake Shop, Ice Cream Parlor*

### ESTATE SHOPS:

*A Christmas Past, A Gardener's Place, Bookbinder's,  
Carriage House, Confectionery, Gate House,  
Toymaker's, Wine Shop*

*Call 800-968-0558 for mail orders  
Shop and purchase tickets online at [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com)*

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# YDAY LIFE



## WINERY

No visit to Biltmore Estate is complete without a stop at the Winery. Located in Vanderbilt's original dairy barn, the building was renovated in 1985 into a modern wine production facility. Guests may visit production areas and the cellars, enjoy complimentary wine tastings, and admire the mastery of winemaking at Biltmore.



## OPENING SPRING 2001 INN ON BILTMORE ESTATE

The only accommodation located on the estate, Inn on Biltmore Estate continues a century-old legacy of hospitality freshened with casual elegance. The inn's 213 rooms offer stunning mountain and pastoral views, along with fine dining and comfortable amenities. For reservations, call 800-858-4130 or 828-274-9600 beginning October 2000.



## YOUR VISIT

A visit to Biltmore Estate is a full-day adventure. Browse eight gift shops. Indulge your appetite with estate-raised vegetables, beef, and lamb. Explore our wilder side with fun outdoor experiences. Whether you visit for *Michaelmas*, Christmas, *Festival of Flowers*, or for a summer or winter weekend retreat, enjoy the extraordinary wonders of Biltmore Estate.

## TICKETS AND HOURS



For ticket information, call 800-543-2961,  
or order tickets online at [www.biltmore.com](http://www.biltmore.com)  
Biltmore Estate is open daily 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.,  
except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Days.  
Biltmore Estate is open New Year's Day.

Children nine and younger are admitted free when  
accompanied by a paying parent. Purchase a Twelve-Month  
Pass for unlimited daytime visits for a full year.

Hotel and ticket packages available, call 800-543-2961.  
To make reservations for groups of 20 or more, and  
receive a group discount, call 828-274-6230.



*From Interstate 40: the Estate is located just north  
of exit 50 or 50B on U.S. Highway 25.*

*From Interstate 26: take I-40 East, then take exit 50.*

*From Blue Ridge Parkway: take the U.S. Highway  
25-North exit; the Estate is about 4 miles  
from the Parkway.*



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Mailing Address: One North Pack Square,  
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Biltmore Estate is a member of the Southern Highlands Attractions, which include The Blowing Rock, Chimney Rock Park, Christis Gardens, Gatlinburg Sky Lift, Grandfather Mountain, Great Smoky Mountains Railway, Lookout Mountain Incline Railway, Lost Sea, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Old Salem, Rock City, Rocky Mount Museum, Ruby Falls, and Tweetsie Railroad.